(d) The NPRE Scheme is assessed/monitored regularly by way of organising meetings, visits of the officers and obtaining Monthly progress reports. The last assessment of the Scheme for Maharashtra was assessed in the Regional Meeting of Zone "B' States held at Goa on 14th & 15th February, 2000. It was observed that the State Maharashtra is implementing the Scheme as per the approved Work Plan.

(e) Details of assistance provided to Maharashtra during the last three years for control of animal diseases year-wise:

(Rs. in lakhs)

S.No.	Name of the Scheme	Amount released 1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000
1.	Strengthening of Veterinary services for Livestock Disease Control with special emphasis on Rinderpest Eradication	21.21	8.00	26.66
2.	Assistance to States for Control of Animal Diseases:			
(i)	Systematic Control of Livestock Diseases of National Importance	29.80	—	26.14
(ii)	Foot and Mouth Diseases control	15.40	—	35.26
(iii)	Animal Diseases Surveillance	4.55	—	40.32

Share of Agriculture in GDP

2324. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to the news-item appearing in the Economic Times dated 5th January, 2000 under the caption "Share of agriculture in GDP continuing to fall";

(b) if so, what is his reaction thereto;

(c) whether any reasons for this downward trend in agriculture have been identified and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) what steps are proposed to be taken to reverse this trend?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) According to the updated estimates of GDP compiled by the Central Statistical Organisation, the value addition in the Agriculture & Allied Sector consisting of Agriculture, Animal Husbandry, Forestry and Fishing has increased from Rs. 2.41,967 Crores in 1993-94 to Rs. 2,92,644 Crores in 1999-2000, measured at 1993-94 prices, registering thereby an average growth of 3.2% per year. The decline in the share of Agriculture in GDP is due to relatively higher growth in the other sectors of the economy.

As a result of process of economic growth and development, the share of Agriculture Sector in GDP tends to decline. However, several schemes are being implemented to increase production and productivity of agriculture. The National Agenda for Governance also envisages doubling food production in the next ten years, for which purpose a regionally differentiated strategy based on different agro-climatic zones, has been worked out. Implementation of this strategy would also ensure a higher growth of agriculture.

Fish Production in Orissa

2325. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a vast scope to increase fish production in Orissa;

(b) if so, steps taken in that direction during the last three years; and

(c) the Central allocation made to Orissa for the purpose during these years alongwith the steps proposed to be taken in that regard in Ninth Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. There is a vast scope to increase fish production in Orissa. The following Centrally Sponsored Schemes are implemented in the marine, brackishwater and freshwater sectors, *inter alia* to develop fisheries and aquaculture and for sustainable exploitation of the fishery resources of the State:-

(i) Development of Coastal Marine Fisheries through:

(a) Motorisation of Traditional Crafts; and

(b) Reimbursement of Central Excise Duty on HSD purchased by Motorised Fishing Vessels of overall length below 20 meters.